



HEALTH

HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (HPDP)

- UPecon Foundation

GOAL

To establish a supportive policy and financing environment for priority health programs by encouraging policies and plans that increase and sustain access to quality health information, services and products

PROJECT INTERVENTIONS

HPDP's specific activities are organized into four thematic groups:

1. **Contraceptive self-reliance and family planning/maternal and child health (FP/MCH).** Activities will support the Department of Health (DOH) in developing policies and implementation guidelines to ensure sustainable access to essential health services, particularly FP/MCH.
2. **Standards and regulations.** Activities will assist the DOH in developing priorities, policies and implementation guidelines and advocacy, covering standards and regulations for the delivery of priority public health services using cost effective and evidenced-based approaches.
3. **Local health systems.** Activities will help strengthen DOH stewardship over local health systems, including those in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, through the formulation of health investment plans and development of performance standards.
4. **Health care financing.** Activities will support the DOH in operationalizing financing strategies to ensure sustainability of essential health services, including expansion of the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP), multi-year financing of the costs of priority health programs, and ensuring equitable and efficient distribution of health resource across the country.

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PROJECT BACKGROUND

In 1999, the DOH embarked on a health sector reform agenda aimed at expanding effective coverage of national and local public health programs; increasing access, particularly by the poor, to health care services delivered by both public and private providers; and reducing the financial burden on individual families through expanded coverage of the National Health Insurance Program. In 2005, the health reform agenda was reformulated into *FOURmula One (F1)*, the current guiding implementation framework for health sector reforms.

To provide support to the DOH in undertaking health sector reforms, the USAID awarded a five-year (October 2006-September 2011) cooperative agreement to the UPecon Foundation, Inc. that aims to: (1) establish a supportive policy and financing environment for priority health programs, including FP/MCH/TB/HIV-AIDS, by encouraging policies and plans that increase and sustain access to quality health information, services and products; and (2) assist the DOH and related agencies, in collaboration with other USAID Cooperating Agencies, in strengthening and institutionalizing a health policy formulation process for improved health sector performance.

The Health Policy Development Program (HPDP) is the USAID project which supports the DOH-led policy formulation process.



HPDP works with the DOH to ensure greater access to quality health care for the Filipino family.